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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the 15th meeting, 1000 hours, 28 April 1955, room 1521 Barton Hall.

1. The following persons were present:

[redacted] O/SI - Alternate Chairman
[redacted] O/SI - Secretary
[redacted] O/CI
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[redacted] O/CD
[redacted] O/CD
[redacted] O/C
[redacted] PP
[redacted] FBID
[redacted] O/RR

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2. Minutes of the 14th meeting were approved.

3. a. [redacted] introduced the subject of the letter of transmittal of the Final Report on ADVANCER/PILOT to USCIB. The draft of this letter, which had been previously circulated through special channels, was approved with the following amendments:

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[redacted]

With respect to ADVANCER/PILOT, [redacted] also noted that the letter forwarding the Final Report to ODM had been signed and transmitted.

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b. With respect to the re-establishment of technical monitoring for broadcast intelligibility in missions behind the Iron Curtain, [redacted] reported that, at the request of [redacted] the O/C will prepare the Staff Study to obtain authorization for the necessary funds and personnel.

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c. With respect to broadcast program evaluation, [redacted] reported that the USIA, RFE and RL will undertake this summer a re-evaluation, under the guidance of [redacted] similar to the one prepared last year but primarily concerned with filling in the gaps in information in last year's report. These studies will subsequently be pulled together by OCB. Full-time reporting officers for this purpose are authorized for several US missions and two are already in place.

With respect to technical effectiveness of broadcasting, [redacted] reported that the Broadcast Evaluation Section was continuing with its monthly reports, studying problems of methodology and looking forward to a major improvement in its information upon the re-establishment of monitors behind the Iron Curtain.

d. With respect to the CRFU File, [redacted] reported the recent approval of the increase in its T/O [redacted]. They had serviced three requests by IRAC to search for holes in the usage of the radio spectrum. [redacted] of the machine section had developed a technique for performing this search by machine.

e. With respect to the revision of NSC 169, [redacted] distributed another draft of a paper on the broadcast phase of this revision, explaining that matters other than broadcasting were not considered and that this paper was not intended to make any amendment in NSC 169 in such other matters. (See copy attached.) The question was raised whether the wording of paragraph 3d might imply an undue burden on US missions with respect to establishment of monitoring. [redacted] pointed out that this wording was not intended to add anything to the directive of NSC 169 but merely to restate it. It was agreed that coordination of monitoring of various stations is required, but where this problem extended outside the broadcast field, it was not suitable to coordination by OCB and, hence, not suitable for this paper. Any paper produced by the OCB working group will be brought back for final coordination and approval. He asked [redacted] to check with O/C as to the suitability of the wording of paragraph 3d with respect to a re-establishment of [redacted]. He noted the inadvertent omission in the draft of reference to an exchange of information with Free World countries and said that this would be included.

4. With respect to the supplying of "technical information" to the Radio Frequency Usage File by NSA, [redacted] reported that Gen. Cabell had signed the letter asking for further negotiations and that subsequent discussion with NSA indicated that their

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reply will be favorable and that [] will be designated as the point of contact for such negotiations. [] believed that they could satisfy the NSA that problems of security could be adequately handled and said that they were prepared even to permit NSA to assign a man to the File in order to assure that proper security safeguards were taken. A memorandum prepared by [] described a visit to [] Chief of Staff for Operations, in which it was indicated he was prepared to enter new negotiations on the subject. [] indicated that action by O/RR on the problem of "technical information" from NSA was in abeyance, awaiting the outcome of the CRFU File negotiations and the results of certain transfer of functions in NSA.

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5. [] indicated that a letter of appreciation had been forwarded to [] for his service to the Committee.

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6. [] briefly described the Agency ELINT program, its scope and present status. He pointed out that at certain places, for example in monitoring behind the Iron Curtain, ELINT and EMW would require correlation.

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7. [] reported on the recent visit of a technically competent observer []. He has returned, and O/SI will act as point of contact for distribution of technical information received and for future guidance.

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8. The next meeting was scheduled for 26 May at 1000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Attachment: a/s